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## OIL KING WILL NOT LEND MONEY TO FINANCE WAR

### John D. Rockefeller Declines to Enrich Himself Further By Participating in Pending Loan—Says Foreign Commission Will Not Consult Him Because They Know He Would Not Consider Proposition—Invites An Old Rhyme To Explain Why He Would Not Commit His Opinions To Interviewer For Publication

(Copyright 1915 by the United Press.)  
Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 17.—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has definitely, positively and finally determined he will take no part in loaning money to carry on the conflict in Europe.  
In an interview obtained with the world's richest man by the United Press today, it was learned that the oil king has been offered opportunities to enrich himself further by lending money to the warring nations, but has absolutely refused.  
"Are you expecting a call from the commission of European bankers now in New York to negotiate a billion dollar war loan for the allies?" he was asked.  
"No," he replied, emphatically. "I certainly am not expecting a visit from the commission nor do I expect them to ask me to participate. They know I wouldn't consider it."  
Then, after a pause, he added:  
"Both England and Russia asked me for loans. They were refused." He was again meditatively silent for a moment and then exclaimed:  
"This war is awful. Don't you think it is awful?"  
During the interview, which was granted at the oil king's Forest Hill estate, Rockefeller did not mention his son, who is reported to have been approached by J. P. Morgan concerning

the immense loan. But the senior Rockefeller showed clearly that he is dead set against being a party to promoting bloodshed.  
With reference to the Wall street report that financing the war is enabling Morgan to take from Rockefeller the title of "richest man in the world," this question was put to Rockefeller:  
"What effect will it have on conditions if Morgan negotiates the billion dollar loan for the allies?"  
The shrewd smile of the sagacious business man played over his face.  
Then, instead of answering directly, he replied:  
"A wise old owl lived in an oak. The more he saw the less he spoke; The less he spoke, the more he heard. Why can't we all be like that bird?"  
Today a man very close to Rockefeller stated authoritatively that on one occasion Rockefeller had been approached by Russian agents with a deal involving \$50,000,000 and that he turned them down.  
Foreign agents who visited Cleveland recently in an attempt to enlist Rockefeller's financial aid in the war have been barred from Forest Hill. Shots from a revolver in the hands of an attendant at the estate, halted an automobile in which one agent tried to dash through the guarded entrance to reach the oil king.

## EXPLORER SAFE BUT SHIP LOST IN ICE CRUGH

### Vilhjalmur Stefansson Wintered At Bankland—All Are Well

New York, Sept. 17.—Secretary Herbert L. Bridgeman, of the Peary Arctic club received today from Hugh Lee, former member of Peary's 1893 expedition, now in Nome, Alaska, the following cable: "Stefansson wintered Banks land. Party all o. k."

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, is safe. The naval department today received a message from him dated August 31. Stefansson reported that after his exploration ship the Karuk was crushed in the treacherous ice eighteen months ago, he chartered the Polar Bear. "As unavoidable delays threatened, thus running the cost of the Polar Bear up high, I purchased aer and engaged her on terms similar to the Karuk," he reported. "I engaged Hoff, engineer of the schooner Ruby, to replace Blue of Alaska. Engaged five extra helpers for southern parts who have ample outfit for a year, and the Polar Bear for two years.  
"Our plans are to continue the northern explorations to 145 west, 82 farther north, if northerly course is secured."  
Stefansson reported that he was safe at Baillie island, which is located in the Arctic region west of Herchill island at the mouth of the Mackenzie river. Stefansson, it had been feared, had perished in the frozen north on the expedition sent out by the Canadian government months ago.  
The last word from him came on April 7, 1914, when his supporting party turned back. He hoped, at that time, that drifting ice would carry him to Banks land, but veering winds and the Mackenzie river current shunted the ice in a westerly direction.  
After that winter and trading survivors kept a close watch on their Arctic jerseys in the hope that the drift had carried him toward Siberia. But fears for the little band grew almost to a certainty that death had overtaken them, when traders put into Nome last month with word that no trace had been found either along the Siberian or Alaskan shores.  
The one hope was that they were safe on Wrangell island with survivors of the wrecked Stefansson party, Karuk, who took refuge after the treacherous ice had crushed their vessel. A carrier later brought word that a white man was seen drifting on an ice floe toward this island, and this revived hope that the explorer was alive.  
Stefansson left Martin Point in March, 1914, with two hardy explorers, well provisioned.  
Stefansson's message indicated that he had no idea of his whereabouts, but he had given up for lost by the government officials. The Polar Bear, which Stefansson said he purchased, is a Hudson Bay steamer. Further details of the explorer's experiences are believed to be coming.  
It is believed that the message received today was sent by Stefansson to Name by a trading steamer as there was no sufficient time for a courier to have taken it overland.

## GERMAN FORCES CAPTURE WIDAY ON EAST FRONT

### Prince Leopold's Army Has Also Made Substantial Advance

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Berlin, via London, Sept. 17.—Continuing their progress, German forces have captured Widay, south of Dvinsk. The official statement today said Field Marshal Von Hindenburg had succeeded in taking this point.  
Widay was taken after fierce house to house fighting, the official statement declared. The Russians had erected a succession of street barricades behind which they had mounted machine guns. These were stormed by the Teuton forces in the face of a frightful fire.  
Prince Leopold's troops have been able to cross the Szczara at many points. The statement also announced that Field Marshal Von Mackensen has cleared the marshes north of Pinsk of the Slav troops.  
Prussians Resist Strongly.  
Petrograd, Sept. 17.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is hurling 400,000 men, supported by heavy artillery, against the Slav lines in a determined attempt to capture Vilna, Dvinsk and Riga.  
While it was officially admitted today that these new assaults had forced retreats in this section, and about Pinsk, it was stated that elsewhere the Teuton armies had been defeated. Eleven hundred German prisoners were taken on Wednesday.  
South of Dvinsk, the German hordes have approached the Slav winter defenses between the Dvinsk road and Lake Samozha. There, according to the war office, the fighting has occurred close to the Russian entanglements in which, it was stated, the Russian soldiers had succeeded in beating off their opponents.—General Von Beulow's cavalry is moving forward with the Mordelchuh-Polatsk railway, northwest of Vilna, as its objective.  
Bloody fighting marked the German crossing the Vilja river, and there are indications that a similar struggle is occurring between the opposing forces near Lake Tchanka where the Germans are attempting to cross the Verovka River.  
In Galicia, according to the war office, the Austrian troops though "badly shaken" are attempting counter attacks, hoping thereby to consolidate their lines, shattered by the Slav offensive.  
Fighting Above the Clouds.  
Rome, Sept. 17.—Far above the clouds in the picturesque upper Geneva valley, Alpine troops, scaling glaciers, have reached the enemy entanglements at the head of the Foez torrent and at Coma Di Pinesse and have partly wrecked their defenses.  
General Cadorna, reporting to the war office today, paid tribute to the valor and hardihood of these mountain forces.  
He told too of a new and diabolical death weapon of the Austrians—prussic acid.  
This weapon—the deadliest compound known to science—was found, he said, in high explosive bombs which the Austrians drop.  
"One drop of this acid on a man's tongue means instant death; in quantities in bombs, its fumes are far more deadly than bullets. Heretofore, as far as has developed in official statements, the only chemical used has been chlorine, stifling yellowish green gas that develops symptoms similar to pneumonia but which are not necessarily fatal."  
French Bombard Stations.  
Paris, Sept. 17.—French gunners have exploded German supply stations south of Arras, the communique said today. The terrible artillery battle in the Argonne and along the Aisne was reported proceeding incessantly. French fighting last night between the Somme and Aisne was indecisive.  
Berlin, via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Sept. 17.—Recent Zeppelin attacks against London resulted in anti-German demonstrations in which many persons were arrested, according to information received here.  
No such demonstrations had been reported from London or other sources, though possibly the reports were exaggerated. Some reports had stated previous reports were taken to prevent violence.  
Rumania Is Reassured.  
Vienna, via courier, to Berlin, Sept. 14.—Austria has explained to Rumania that the temporary closing of the Austrian frontier must not be construed as an act of hostility. The government further said that communication will be re-established as soon as important movements had been completed.

## RECOGNITION OF CARRANZA NEAR IS NOW BELIEF

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Washington, Sept. 17.—With events steadily snapping toward recognition of General Carranza, a climax seemed near in Mexico City today.  
Factions in the Mexican situation are expected to be represented in the Pan-American peace conference session Saturday.  
Secretary of State Lansing and Ambassador Nava have already gone there. It was reported today that Ambassador Dagama of Brazil will present a Carranza recognition plan, if Carranza guarantees to pay vast foreign damage claims.  
British and French authorities appeared to warn their citizens to leave northern Mexico, just as the United States government has done.  
Carranza Is Losing.  
Nogales, Ariz., Sept. 17.—The tide of battle in the fight for possession of Nogales, Sonora, turned against General Carranza's forces today.  
Villistas holding the city smashed the Carranza right wing by concentrating upon it the fire of 40 machine guns and 20 field pieces. General Cardenas commanding the shattered right, was unable to rally his men, who fled, leaving on the field 115 dead, 300 wounded and 650 prisoners.  
In sight of many Americans witnessing the struggle from the international boundary, General Urbalejo's Yaquis and General Acosta's detachment, part of the Villa forces, stormed and captured the Carranzista trenches on the east bank of the Santa Cruz river just after dawn today. The Carranzistas were slain where they stood when the Yaquis hurled huge boulders down upon them from dominating heights.  
In this charge the Indians lost 200 dead, 300 wounded and 50 captured.  
The battle has been raging since Tuesday, within a few miles of Nogales. Eleven thousand men are engaged. The Carranzistas have taken three machine guns, while the Villistas, according to Governor Maytorena, have captured two howitzers and a car of ammunition. The Villa general, Sosa, is reported to have occupied Canaan.  
One drug store here sold \$200 worth of bandages to Maytorena today. The battle is described as the most severe ever fought on the United States border. Defeat for the Villistas means the loss of Nogales.  
Fired Into Brownsville.  
Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 17.—Mexican soldiers entrenched in front of the electric plant at Maytorena fired into Brownsville today. One horse was killed.  
A troop of cavalry was immediately dispatched to investigate.  
United States soldiers and Mexicans were reported to have fought a battle at Sebastian last night, but details are lacking.  
American officers were ordered to prevent all Mexicans, capable of bearing arms, from coming across the river. As an extra precaution against trouble, the Brownsville sheriff ordered that all Mexican "Fourth of July" celebrations be confined to homes. He refused to issue permits for any public dances, lest they cause gun or knife fights.  
A posse is still out pursuing the band of Fresno raiders who yesterday fired into Simon, Texas.  
Villa Raids Ranches.  
Washington, Sept. 17.—Villista forces are raiding ranches near Torreon, state department advised today.  
After examining Masquiza, his soldiers feeling toward Chihuahua stripped American ranches en route of all horses and mules. No Americans, however, were harmed.  
Rumania newspapers printed assertions that the Austro-Germans were planning to invade Rumania and march to the assistance of Turkey.  
"Important movements" referred to in the above probably mean concentration of Austrian forces on the Serbian frontier.  
Walla Walla Bulletin: Heaven preserve the mere man. With the coming season drawing to a close, the women have preserved everything else.

## WILL ASK CONGRESS TO ENFORCE LAND GRANT

### After Few Preliminary Differences Land Grant Conference Becomes Love Feast This Morning—Resolution Favored Asking Congress to Enforce Terms of Original Land Grant—Addresses Were Made By Ex-Senator Fulton, Congressman Hawley and Ex-Congressman Lafferty Last Night

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After a short preliminary bout which called for a few caustic remarks on the part of Delegates Lafferty, Clark and Huston, the land grant conference resolved itself into a love feast and received their cues "discussed" along what appeared to be the most popular members of the committee looked with the resolutions committee which met this morning, after considerable discussion appointed a subcommittee of three to draft the resolution to be presented to the conference.  
There were 18 resolutions put before the resolutions committee but the members of the committee looked with the most favor upon resolution No. 2, introduced by O. R. Hartwig, recommending the enforcement of the terms of the original grant.  
The resolution in full follows:  
"Whereas, it is desirable that certain specific phases of the issue before this conference be determined at once and without confusion or delay, therefore,  
"Resolved, that this conference recommend that the terms of the original grant, whereby the lands under consideration first passed to the railroad company, be enforced."  
It will be noted that this resolution allows considerable latitude in interpretations of the best methods of ways and means and the subcommittee, which consisted of Judge Hewitt of Louisiana, chairman; Carlswell, Dimmick of Oklahoma, Charles McNary of Marion and Calvert of Multnomah. Judge Hewitt asked that Mr. McNary be appointed to serve on the committee and Senator Day of Multnomah asked that Calvert be named. The subcommittee was instructed to elaborate upon the resolution introduced by Mr. Hartwig and to present it to the resolutions committee which was called to order at 2 o'clock this afternoon.  
The controversy on the floor of the house started this morning when a letter was read from E. J. Stack and C. E. Spence, representing the federation of labor and the farmers' organizations respectively, in which they declined to serve upon the resolutions committee because of the misunderstanding as to the terms of the motion introduced by Mr. Clark which gave them a representation on the committee.  
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## BASEBALL TODAY

By George R. Holmes.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Boston, Mass., Sept. 17.—"Dutch" Leonard, the Red Sox pitcher, twisted the Tigers' tail this afternoon and won back for the American league leaders the game lost to Hughie Jennings' crew yesterday. The score was 7 to 2. Leonard allowed only three hits, two of which came in the ninth inning. Up to the sixth inning, Leonard had allowed only three Detroit players to reach first base, and this included the walks.  
James' indelible wildness handicapped Detroit early in the contest.  
As the result of this afternoon's game, Boston percentage is .669 and Detroit's .650.  
The first three innings were runless for Detroit.  
In the first, Hooper walked, Scott sacrificed, Spenser walked, Hobbittz singled, scoring Hooper, Spencers going to third. Hobbittz took second on the throw in. Lewis grounded to Vitt and Spenser was cut off at the plate. Gardner walked, filling the bases, but Barry popped in the emergency.  
In the second inning, Leonard and Hooper walked. Scott hit to Young who threw low to Bush, Leonard scoring. Hooper took third and Scott second when Spenser went out, Bush to Burns, Hooper scoring.  
The Red Sox got three tallies in the third. Gardner and Barry singled and Harrison walked, filling the bases. Leonard's double scored three runs. Jennings yanked James and Boland went in. Hooper singled, Leonard going to third. Scott lined to Boland and Hooper was doubled off first.  
In the fourth, Spenser doubled when his boulder got through Vitt and scored on Hobbittz's sacrifice and Lewis sacrifice fly to the outfield.  
Neither side scored again during the next four innings. In the ninth Ty Cobb starred again. After Bush had flied out and Vitt had been hit by a

## BASEBALL TODAY

pitched ball, the Georgian, who, up to that time had been hitless, slammed the ball into the right field bleachers for a home run, netting two runs. Attendance 24,000 wild-eyed fans.

American League.	
Chicago	2 6 1
New York	3 8 1
Scott and Mayer; Russell and Alexander.	
R. H. E.	
Detroit	2 3 3
Boston	7 8 0
James, Boland and Stange; Leonard and Carrigan. Oldham replaced Boland. Baker replaced Stange.	
R. H. E.	
First game—	
Cleveland	7 10 0
Philadelphia	0 11 4
Morton, Carter and Billings; Meehan, Eccles and Lapp.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	9 16 1
Washington	0 4 3
McCabe and Agnew; Boehling, Ayers and Henry. Dumont replaced Ayers.	
R. H. E.	
Cleveland	3 9 0
Philadelphia	3 7 1
Mitchell and O'Neill; Richardson and Lapp. Called 10th, dark.	
National League.	
R. H. E.	
First game—	
New York	6 9 2
Pittsburg	9 10 0
Batteries: Bittere and Dooin; Cooper and Gibson.	
R. H. E.	
Second game—	
New York	0 4 3
Pittsburg	5 9 0
Batteries: Perritt and Meyeres; Hill and Gibson. Schauer replaced Perritt, Dooin replaced Meyeres. Wendell replaced Dooin.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	0 4 2
Boston	1 4 1
Batteries: Neph and Whaling; Gowdy, Doak and Snyder.	
R. H. E.	
Philadelphia	0 3 2
Cincinnati	2 6 0
Batteries: Dentree and Burns; Toney and Wingo.	

## American Soldiers Fight Lively Battle With Mexican Troops

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 17.—Twenty-five American soldiers for a half hour this noon exchanged volleys with Mexican troops entrenched across the river at Matamoros.  
The storm of bullets killed one Mexican and wounded four others. Houses on both sides of the river were hit but no American casualty resulted.  
Members of troop C, Third cavalry, sent to investigate this morning firing which resulted in killing a horse on this side, were greeted with the rattle of bullets from the Mexican side as they appeared on the river bank at Matamoros, half a mile from here. The Mexicans were entrenched near the power plant at Matamoros.  
Facing their fire, the American soldiers dropped slowly back from the river, sending volleys across the line as they retired.  
This exchange lasted half an hour. Then heavy detachments of infantry reinforced the troops. A call to arms for all troops was sounded at the post here, but the Mexicans had ceased firing.  
The American forces immediately stationed artillery at points of vantage, and unnumbered ready for any further trouble.  
The closest guard was kept to prevent civilians from approaching the river bank as Mexican snipers were ready to "pot" anyone exposed.  
Authorities this afternoon took up with the Carranza consul the matter of the morning battle and the sniping.  
Cincinnati Times-Star: San Francisco did not burn its fingers on the Panama exposition after all. Instead she burned the exposition mortgage.

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## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday; north-easterly winds.

## Land Conference's Work This Afternoon

That it is the sense of this conference that congress shall enact laws defining and settling the question as to who an actual settler is and who shall be considered an actual settler and what is actual settlement; that the grantees shall be compelled to perform the provisions of the terms of the grant and sell the lands according to the true intent and purpose of congress to actual settlers; that the conference is unalterably opposed to increasing the forest reserve; that congress should be urged to enact laws to provide for the immediate sale of these lands at \$2.50 an acre and not more than 160 acres to one person and that laws should be enacted to provide against all fraud in the settlement and disposal of these lands.  
This is the gist of the resolution adopted by the sub-committee and presented to the resolutions committee this afternoon. Up to a late hour the resolutions committee had not formally adopted this resolution, but the majority of the committee appeared to be in favor of its adoption with an amendment or two.  
Sinclair Pilot: O. I. Fosback, who lives just above Acme, caught Monday night what is possibly the largest salmon on record for the Siuslaw. The fish was taken in a drift net with three others and it weighed 73 pounds. Several old-time fishermen say that a 64-pound salmon was caught a few years ago, but that this is the largest they have known caught on this river.  
as being detrimental to good government and severing of old-time political methods, and believing that we could not consistently voice our objections to this procedure and continue to serve on the committee, we respectfully but firmly decline to serve on the committee on resolutions.  
"We wish further to state that our action in so doing is unanimously approved by the delegates from our organizations present."  
After the matter was put to a vote and some discussion indulged in they expressed themselves as satisfied and Mr. Stack and Mr. Spence decided to retain their seats in the committee.